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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Intelligence Advisory Committee
SUBJECT : Intelligence on International Communism (U)

1. The Department of the Army is concerned by the serious inadequacy of available information on international communism and by certain weaknesses in the intelligence community's handling of this subject. Two major weaknesses are considered to be (a) the lack of an adequate program for the production of basic intelligence on international communism and (b) insufficient coordination of the total collection and production effort of United States intelligence agencies in this field. An example of such deficiency and a discussion of two measures necessary to the improvement of the handling of intelligence on international communism are attached as Inclosure 1.

2. Reference is made to IAC-D-82/6 of 5 October 1954, Report to the IAC on Implementation of the Survey of USIA's Intelligence Needs and Assets. That document (page 3) states that "the question of the location of responsibility for expanded production on international communism is currently under discussion between CIA and the Department of State."

3. In view of the above, the Department of the Army recommends that

a. the IAC request that the conclusions and recommendations resulting from the discussion between CIA and the Department of State be reported at an early date;

b. the IAC review the overall program for the collection and production of intelligence on international communism in order to strengthen the total effort in this field; and

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c. in the course of the recommended review the IAC consider

(1) the assignment of a single agency of responsibility for maintaining and collating for the entire intelligence community the basic data in the field of international communism.

(2) the activation of an IAC sub-committee to help coordinate the effort of the agencies in collecting and producing intelligence on international communism.

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